

JOB IMPACT STATEMENT

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (Department) proposes to amend and add a new paragraph to section 326.2 of 6 NYCRR Part 326 to prohibit the distribution, sale, purchase, possession, or use of pesticide products containing the active ingredient chlorpyrifos. The regulation will apply statewide.

The Department does not expect the proposed regulations to have a negative impact on jobs and employment opportunities in the State.

This proposal amends the existing registration regulations to prohibit the distribution, sale, purchase, possession, or use of pesticide products containing the active ingredient chlorpyrifos. This proposed amendment to the regulations should not impact jobs within the regulated sectors.

1. NATURE OF IMPACT

There should be no impact on jobs associated with this proposed regulatory amendment. In most cases there are alternative pesticides or practices to chlorpyrifos to control pests, but in the few cases where there are no alternatives, or few alternatives available, research and new product development and practices will find replacements for these products. Consequently, the proposed amendment should not inhibit the growth of or employment in the pesticide and agricultural industry.

2. CATEGORIES AND NUMBERS OF JOBS OR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AFFECTED

The implementation of the proposed regulation is not expected to have an adverse impact on jobs or employment opportunities. In most cases alternative practices and products to chlorpyrifos containing pesticides are available. In situations where alternative pesticides or practices are not currently available research and product development will provide for future pest control needs. Nothing being proposed is expected to result in diminished economic activity, which typically results in adverse impacts on employment opportunities.

3. REGIONS OF ADVERSE IMPACT

There is no region of the State expected to be adversely impacted from the proposed pesticide regulations more so than any other. All certified pesticide applicators and pesticide dealers must adhere to the same requirements regardless of where they are located.

4. MINIMIZING ADVERSE IMPACT

The proposed regulations are not expected to have an adverse impact on jobs and employment opportunities. The Department already regulates pesticide sales and use, and in several other

cases have already prohibited active ingredients through regulation to protect the public, natural resources, and the environment.

5. SELF-EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The proposed regulations are not expected to negatively impact self-employment opportunities for the pest control and agricultural industry.

6. INITIAL REVIEW OF RULE

The Department will conduct an initial review of the rule within three years as required by SAPA § 207.